BHEL's Power Plant in Sudan

3269. SHRI HARISH RAWAT:
SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
SHRI VIJAY J. DARDA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether BHEL propose to set up 500 MW power plant in Sudan;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) whether the project would open up more opportunities for the Indian manufacturing sector to set up bases there to tap the African and Middle East Markets; and

(d) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIESAND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) Bharat Heavy Electricals Limited (BHEL) has signed a contract with the National Electricity Corporation (NEC), a Government of Sudan enterprise on 11th February, 2006 for setting up of a 500 MW Power Plant at Kosti (White Nile State) in Sudan on turnkey basis.

(c) and (d) Yes, Sir. This project is likely to be a stepping stone to target opportunities in the emerging markets of the area including Sudan and other African countries.

Navaratna Status of Public Enterprises

3270. SHRI BALVANT *ALIAS* BALAPTE:
DR. VIJAY MALLYA:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether there is a proposal under Government's consideration to grant Navratna status to few more public enterprises;

(b) if so, the details in this regard, indicating the criteria adopted for the purpose; and

(c) by when, a final decision in the matter is likely to be taken?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) to (c) The PSEs, which are Miniratna Category-I, Schedule 'A, obtained MOU rating of 'Excellent' or 'Very Good' in three of the last five years and have obtained a composite score of 60 or above calculated with reference to six selected performance parameters are eligible to be considered for Navratna status. The proposals for grant of Navratna status to some PSEs like Power Finance Corporation Limited, Rural Electrification Corporation Limited, Power Grid Corporation of India Limited, National Hydroelectric Power Corporation Limited, Bharat Sanchar Nigam Limited, National Aluminium Company Limited and Hindustan Aeronautics Limited are under the consideration of the Government.

Autonomy to BRPSE

3271. SHRI SANTOSH BAGRODIA:
DR. PRABHA THAKUR:

Will the Minister of HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) was supposed to be an autonomous organization;

(b) if so, whether it is a fact that no Budgetary allocations were provided for the BRPSE during last two financial years;

(c) whether it is a fact that due to lack of sufficient Budgetary resources the autonomy is compromised, as the BRPSE does not have access to independent expert opinion and has to rely on the inputs furnished by respective administrative Ministries; and

(d) if so, what steps are being taken to ensure functional autonomy of the BRPSE?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF HEAVY INDUSTRIES AND PUBLIC ENTERPRISES (SHRIMATI KANTI SINGH): (a) and (b) In December 2004, Government constituted a Board for Reconstruction of Public Sector Enterprises (BRPSE) as an advisory body. The Government had decided that BRPSE would be located in the Department of Public Enterprises (DPE), which would provide necessary secretarial assistance to the Board. The Government had further decided that the establishment cost of the Board would be met through appropriate